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I do not believe that the 3rd party veto should be allowed in the Federal Acknowledgment of American Indian tribes. Specifically in the acknowledgment of the Chinook Indian Nation. The Chinook have allotments on the Quinault Indian Reservation. The Quinault Indian Reservation is made up from several tribes of the West Coast. If the Chinook are Federally Acknowledged, they would have to decide if they want to be Quinault or Chinook. The Quinault Indians currently own 46% of the Quinault Reservation, but they have control over the whole thing. The other 54% is owned by the other tribes who have or have not been adopted into the Quinault Indian Nation. The reason the Quinault do not want the Chinook Federally recognized is because they would lose most of their Reservation. If the Chinook Indian Nation is federally recognized, they would have to decide if they want to stay with the Quinault tribe or join the Chinook tribe. The Quinault would lose a lot of their members if the Chinook pulled out of the Quinault tribe. I believe this is unfair to the Chinook Indian Nation who has been recognized as a tribe as early as the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

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